

**Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 3, 2013**

Present: Philip Ailiff, Neal Baxter, Jennifer Edwards, Scott Engel, Diane Hansen, Donna Hemp, Peter Janelle, Jacqueline Knight, Kathleen Mayell, Don Ostrom, Julia Tabbutt, Stefanie Toftey; Rose Ryan, Joe Bernard, Mackenzie Turner, Julie Danzl, Gina Mitteco, Leslie Foreman, Shaun Murphy

Chairman Don Ostrom called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM, and asked all to introduce themselves.

**Approval of the March Minutes**

Scott moved to approve. Approved.

**Announcements from Committee Members & Agency Updates**

Leslie: Saturday is Arbor Day, 9 AM at Humboldt & The Mall, Uptown. ECCO Cleanup Day, too.

Julie: May 8 is National Bike and Walk Day, and 22 schools and 4000 schoolchildren have signed up to participate. In 2012 2000 schoolchildren from 18 schools signed up.

Peter: the annual May Day parade will take place on Bloomington Ave. on Sunday, May 5. And Art-a-Whirl happens on the weekend of May 18, in Northeast.

Scott: On May 3 at the Central Library (1-4 PM) plans for Washington Avenue will be explained.

**Capital Improvement Policy—Steven Hay**

Steve laid out the annual process for developing proposals for the CLIC committee to evaluate. The timeline is as follows:

October-November asking for project ideas of staff and the public

November-December Public Works scores the projects

January-March Public Works presents the list to Steve K xxxx and the Mayor

April-June CLIC meets and evaluates the program

July CLIC presents its suggestions to the xxx Mayor and the public

August-September the Mayor presents his budget

December City Council approves the budget in its final form

In answer to 2 questions from Don, Steve said that capital projects involve work expected to last for years; ordinary maintenance work like patching for the season comes out of the annual budget. And the budget changes markedly year to year.

Scott: 38<sup>th</sup> Street was improved for cars only, not peds and bikes. CLIC projects are focused on cars, and that's a problem.

Steven: True, re-paving doesn't change roads. The City has been debating the value of re-building curb ramps when re-surfacing streets. We haven't seen fit to do so yet.

Steven handed out a list of this year's CLIC paving projects. The list provoked many questions.

Don: to implement the Pedestrian Master Plan, Public Works needs to plan ahead and work pedestrian improvements into the schedule.

Steven: A street missing a sidewalk can be changed to a Reconstruction project. But, Reconstruction costs much more than Overlay, and takes more than a few days, too.

Joe: Scott & Don are looking for a middle way, I should think.

Leslie: use of paint to create bike lanes, even as part of an overlay project, would help, when the Master Plan applies to the street under repair.

Steven: We have the latitude (but we don't always use it).

Kathleen: How can citizens learn about paving projects?

Joe: The City's Financial Dept. website has that information; Neal can tell you, too. Plus, bear in mind

that the CLIC meeting next week (May 9) is open to the public. Every year.

Stefanie: Can you designate someone to push pedestrian works for these projects.

Steven: I thought I did that! We look hard at the ped and bike data for these streets before deciding what they need.

### **Pedestrian Projects—Mackenzie Turner**

38<sup>th</sup> Street's durable crosswalk markings (due in 2012) will be installed in 2013 at Bloomington, Cedar and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

Hennepin-Nicollet mill and overlay, 31<sup>st</sup> Street

Pedestrian improvements are the focus of this project. Funding comes from the Traffic Safety program (\$100,000). Repaving commences next week. The improvements will include semi-permanent bump-outs and vertical delineators consisting of white lines and planters (no concrete) if possible. We don't know if these have to be off the street before the snow falls.

Signal work is involved, possibly lead-ped intervals as at Lagoon Avenue. Also a 5-foot wide bike lane in each direction.

Franklin Avenue crash reduction project

Our focus is on the Lyndale, Nicollet, Clinton, Portland, Park and Bloomington corners. Improvements under consideration include durable crosswalk markings, bump-outs, pedestrian islands, count-down timers etc. Project has a \$195,000 budget.

West Broadway crash reduction project

The intersections of Penn, Bryant, Lyndale and 4<sup>th</sup> Street N. are the focus. Same features as Franklin. Julie asked that the corner of Girard, where the new school district HQ is located, be included, too.

Broadway NE

We're looking at a protected bike route between Stinson and Industrial Boulevard.

### **Programs & Policies Subcommittee**

The committee discussed how to improve the PAC website.

Jennifer: I've looked at similar sites, and I'll propose changes later in the year.

Shaun: only City personnel can change the website, but Mackenzie knows how. Send her ideas.

Don: the biking has the advantage of "movement" status; walking is not revolutionary yet.

Gina: Let's not limit ourselves to comparing BAC's site. PAC's needs may differ.

### **Snow & Ice Removal Resolution**

Shaun distributed copies of the resolution (approved in April), so that members could discuss this with our Council Members.

Diane: 2013 poses a great opportunity, as most seats are open or contested.

### **Upcoming PAC Term Expirations**

Our new members will finally be officially appointed in mid-May.

Julia, Phil, Don & Diane have reached the end of their terms as PAC members. Time to re-apply if they want to continue to serve.

Neal moved to adjourn; Peter seconded. Approved , and adjourned at 5:50 PM.